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Examiner Anne Kubelik in Art Unit 1638  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

On January 9, 2002

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

CHERN and RONALD

Application No.: 09/294,539

Filed: April 19, 1999

For: PROTEINS THAT REGULATE  
SYSTEMIC ACQUIRED RESISTANCE  
IN PLANTS

Examiner: Kubelik, A

Art Unit: 1638

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit this amendment in response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2001. A petition to extend the time for response for two months, from November 9, 2001 to January 9, 2002, accompanies this Amendment. A Declaration of Pamela Ronald, Ph.D., and two Exhibits also accompany the Amendment. Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendment and remarks that follow.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4 and 34.

Please amend claims 1, 31 and 60 as follows.